

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1 (original): An electronic camera comprising:  
2 an imaging unit;  
3 an image reproduction monitor;  
4 an information input unit which adds private  
5 information at the time of photographing an image; and  
6 a prohibition unit which prohibits the reproduction of  
7 an image on the image reproduction monitor in accordance  
8 with the private information.

1 Claim 2 (original): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1,  
3 wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by  
4 displaying predetermined information different from the  
5 recorded image data.

1 Claim 3 (original): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 1,  
3 wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by  
4 displaying by converting the recorded image data into a  
5 different image.

1 Claim 4 (withdrawn): An electronic camera comprising:  
2 an imaging unit;  
3 a display unit having a first image recording area and  
4 a second image recording area different from the first  
5 image recording area, the display unit displaying the image  
6 recorded in the first image recording area in priority;  
7 a judgment unit which judges the private imaging  
8 operation at the time of imaging operation; and

9 a recording control unit which records information in  
10 the second image recording area in accordance with the  
11 judgment of the private imaging operation.

1 Claim 5 (withdrawn): An electronic camera configured to  
2 execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice,  
3 comprising:

4 a selecting unit which adds private information at the  
5 time of recording, and selects one of a mode for  
6 reproducing only the image and a mode for reproducing both  
7 the image and the voice at the time of reproduction in  
8 accordance with the private information.

1 Claim 6 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 5,

3 wherein the selecting unit selects the mode for  
4 reproducing only the image in priority in private mode, and  
5 selects the mode for reproducing both the image and the  
6 voice only by a predetermined operation.

1 Claim 7 (withdrawn): An electronic camera comprising first  
2 and second electronic monitors arranged on the finder and  
3 the back of the camera, respectively, further comprising:

4 an information input unit which adds private  
5 information at the time of imaging operation; and

6 a determining unit which determines the reproduction  
7 in selected one of the first electronic monitor and the  
8 second electronic monitor in accordance with the private  
9 information.

1 Claim 8 (withdrawn): An electronic camera configured to  
2 execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice,

3        wherein private information is added at the time of  
4 recording, and in accordance with the private information,  
5 the form of the image reproduced is changed thereby to  
6 reduce the sound volume at the time of voice reproduction.

1 Claim 9 (withdrawn): An electronic camera configured to  
2 execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice,  
3 comprising:

4        an input unit which adds specific information at the  
5 time of recording; and

6        a selecting unit which selects one of a plurality of  
7 reproduction modes in accordance with the specific  
8 information and a predetermined information input at the  
9 time of reproduction.

1 Claim 10 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 9,

3        wherein said plurality of reproduction modes includes  
4 a mode for prohibiting the voice reproduction or reducing  
5 the reproduced sound volume.

1 Claim 11 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 9,

3        wherein said plurality of reproduction modes includes  
4 a mode for displaying predetermined information in place of  
5 the recorded image.

1 Claim 12 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 9,

3        wherein the predetermined information input at the  
4 time of reproduction is identical with the specific  
5 information added at the time of recording.

1 Claim 13 (withdrawn): An electronic camera comprising:  
2 an imaging unit;  
3 an image recording unit;  
4 an image reproduction monitor;  
5 a designation switch which designates a recorded image  
6 being reproduced on the image reproduction monitor; and  
7 a control unit which sets recorded images other than  
8 the designated reproduced image into the display  
9 prohibition state and thus prohibits the display thereof.

1 Claim 14 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 13,  
3 wherein the control unit permits the display  
4 processing of enlargement, reduction and rotation of the  
5 recorded images including the recorded image in the display  
6 prohibition state.

1 Claim 15 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 13,  
3 wherein the control unit lengthens the display time of  
4 the designated recorded image over the initial set value.

1 Claim 16 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 13,  
3 wherein the control unit suspends the display of the  
4 recorded image upon the lapse of a predetermined length of  
5 time.

1 Claim 17 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 16,

3        wherein the control unit restarts the display of the  
4 image in accordance with an arbitrary switching operation  
5 after suspension of the image display upon the lapse of the  
6 predetermined length of time.

1 Claim 18 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 14,  
3        wherein the control unit permits the display of other  
4 images than the designated recorded image by executing the  
5 designation of enlargement, reduction and rotation of the  
6 recorded image in a predetermined order.

1 Claim 19 (withdrawn): An information device comprising:  
2        an information input unit;  
3        an information recording unit; and  
4        an information reproduction unit,  
5        wherein the information recorded in the information  
6 recording unit is reproduced by the information  
7 reproduction unit in such a manner that the input of  
8 arbitrary information from the information input unit is  
9 prompted, and the degree of coincidence between the input  
10 information and a predetermined pattern is determined, and  
11 in the case where the degree of coincidence is high, the  
12 recorded information is reproduced.

1 Claim 20 (withdrawn): An information device according to  
2 claim 19,  
3        wherein the information input unit has an image input  
4 unit and a voice input unit and determines the degree of  
5 coincidence based on selected one of an image and a voice.

1 Claim 21 (withdrawn): An information device according to  
2 claim 19, further comprising:  
3 a determining unit which determines that a voice has  
4 been input; and  
5 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined  
6 image based on the output of the determining unit.

1 Claim 22 (withdrawn): An information device according to  
2 claim 19, further comprising:  
3 a determining unit which determines that an image has  
4 been input; and  
5 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined  
6 image based on the output of the determining unit.

1 Claim 23 (withdrawn): A portable information apparatus  
2 comprising:  
3 an input unit which inputs information including at  
4 least selected one of an image and a voice;  
5 a storage unit which digitally stores the input  
6 information in nonvolatile form;  
7 a reproduction unit which reproduces the information  
8 digitally stored;  
9 a specifying unit which specifies at least one of the  
10 digital information stored in the storage unit; and  
11 a control unit which performs the control operation to  
12 reproduce by the reproduction unit only the digital  
13 information specified by the specifying unit.

1 Claim 24 (withdrawn): A portable information apparatus  
2 according to claim 23, further comprising:  
3 a cancellation unit which cancels the specification by  
4 the specifying unit.

1 Claim 25 (withdrawn): An electronic camera having an image  
2 reproduction monitor and imaging unit, comprising:  
3 a switch unit which designates the reproduced image at  
4 the time of controlling the image display on the  
5 reproduction monitor; and  
6 an image display control unit which controls by  
7 prohibiting the display of images other than the image in  
8 accordance with the determination of the operation of the  
9 switching unit.

1 Claim 26 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 25,  
3 wherein the control unit permits the display  
4 processing including the rotation, enlargement and  
5 reduction of the displayed image by the switching operation  
6 also in the prohibited state.

1 Claim 27 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 25,  
3 wherein the control unit lengthens the display time of  
4 the displayed image.

1 Claim 28 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 25,  
3 wherein the control unit erases the displayed image  
4 after a predetermined length of time.

1 Claim 29 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 28,  
3 wherein the control unit restarts the display of the  
4 image in response to an arbitrary switch operation in the

5 case where the image is erased upon the lapse of a  
6 predetermined length of time in the prohibited state.

1 Claim 30 (withdrawn): An electronic camera according to  
2 claim 25,  
3 wherein the display of other images than the selected  
4 image is permitted in such a manner that the display  
5 processing including the rotation, enlargement and  
6 reduction of the image is executed in a predetermined order  
7 while at the same time canceling the prohibited state by  
8 the control unit.

1 Claim 31 (withdrawn): An information reproduction input  
2 device having an information input function and an  
3 information reproduction function, comprising:  
4 a coincidence degree determining unit which permits  
5 the reproduction of predetermined information using the  
6 information reproduction function in the case where the  
7 degree of coincidence between the input information and a  
8 predetermined pattern is high when the predetermined  
9 information is input using the information input function.

1 Claim 32 (withdrawn): An information reproduction input  
2 device according to claim 31,  
3 wherein the information input function includes an  
4 image input function and a voice input function, and the  
5 degree of coincidence is determined by the information of  
6 selected one of the image input function and the voice  
7 input function.

1 Claim 33 (withdrawn): An information input reproduction  
2 device comprising:



3       a determining unit which determines that a  
4 predetermined voice has been input; and  
5       a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined  
6 image based on the result of determination by the  
7 determining unit.

1 Claim 34 (withdrawn): An information input reproduction  
2 device comprising:  
3       a determining unit which determines that a  
4 predetermined image has been input; and  
5       a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined  
6 voice based on the result of determination by the  
7 determining unit.